

COMMENTS

The Examiner has rejected claim 32 as being indefinite for failure to provide an antecedent basis for ribs. Claim 32 has been amended to depend from claim 31 which references the ribs. Claim 31 has been amended to depend from claim 30. The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 9-15 and 17 as being anticipated by U. S. Patent 3,871,275 to Quantz. Claims 30 and 33 were rejected as being anticipated by U. S. Patent 4,417,617 to Quantz. Claims 5, 18, 19, 20, 34 and 35 have been rejected on different combinations of the aforementioned patents and other patents issued to the inventor Quantz. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections and believe the claims as written should be allowed. However, to expedite prosecution Applicants have amended the application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3 and claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 4-10 depend from claim 1. Claim 11 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16 and claims 13-16 have been cancelled. Claims 17-22 depend from claim 11. Claim 30 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 36 and claims 34, 35 and 36 have been cancelled. Claims 31-33 depend from amended claim 30. Finally, new claim 43, which is original objected-to claim 21 written in independent form, and claim 44 which depends therefrom have been added. It is believed that the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, and for the reasons set forth herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration along with an early indication of the allowance of claims 1, 4-12, 17-33 and 37-44.

Respectfully submitted,



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